

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 71.

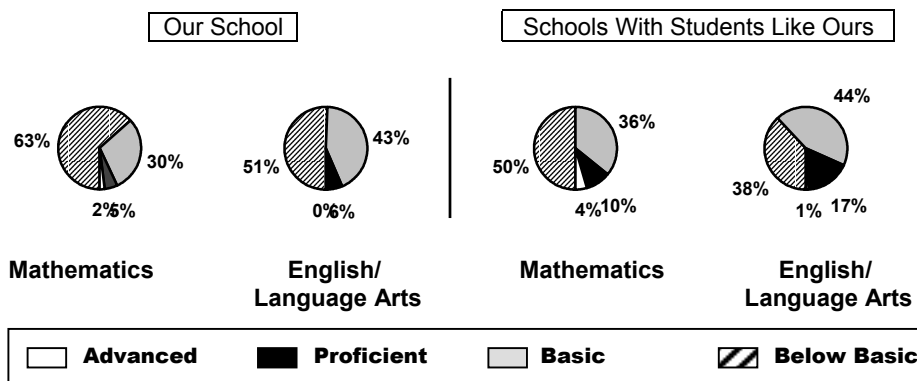
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=158)</b>	49.4	36.7	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=33)	18.2	8.8		
Students without disabilities (n=124)	58.1	44.4		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=75)	40	32.9		
Female (n=82)	58.5	40.2		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=152)	49.3	36.6		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=150)	49.3	36.4		
Pay for lunch (n=7)	N/A	N/A		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$9,235	N/A	\$6,141	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.3%	Up from 89%	89.5%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	N/A	16.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=322)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	94.7%	Up from 93.9%	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	14%	N/A	7.1%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	9.5%	N/A	6.7%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	100%	No change	98.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	5.3%	Down from 7.4%	5.8%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=29)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7 Days	Down from 8	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.4%	Down from 96.7%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	72.4%	Down from 75.9%	44.4%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	93.1%	No change	75.9%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2.5%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.9%	Up from 86.6%	80.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$42,156	Up 7.6%	\$36,137	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.5%	N/A	63.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	7	N/A	5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	96.2%	N/A	88.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	66%	Up from 21.5%	66.4%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Down from 1.6%	2.2%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	4	N/A	3	1
• Gifted and talented	6.3%	Down from 8%	5.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	16.4%	Down from 17.6%	9%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Mary H. Wright Elementary School, an inner city school with a population of 360 students, 98% of whom are African-American, serves students in child development through sixth grade. The school population comes from two government housing projects and various residential areas in Spartanburg. Ninety-six percent of all students receive free or reduced meals. The average daily attendance for teachers and students is 94% and 95%, respectively.

The school serves students who are zoned for Mary Wright as well as those who acquire special permission to attend a school that operates on a Modified Calendar. The Modified Calendar provides students with additional instructional time through extended days and three remediation sessions during the year.

Extensive training has been provided to school administrators and staff for the purpose of implementing and incorporation the state curriculum standards into yearly long-range plans. Current training opportunities include: strategies for differentiating instruction, extension of technology, participation in the South Carolina Reading Initiative, implementation of the South Carolina Readiness Assessment, and training for inquiry-based Science instruction.

Major instructional emphasis is placed on providing educational opportunities that support high expectations and academic success. The school offers on-site student services that address physical, social, emotional, and mental health concerns. Student services include a registered nurse who deals with emergencies and health issues; a school counselor who provides Character Education, Career Education, and Conflict Resolution; a school-based counselor from the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center; a social worker; and an attendance worker.

Two very organized and effective partnerships, the Church of the Advent and the Boys and Girls Club, provide an abundance of support for our programs. They provide tutoring during and after school and financial assistance for the development of new and existing programs.

Barbara Whitney

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	71.0	94.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	22.6	76.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	16.1	92.1	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Mary H Wright Elementary  
309 Caulder Avenue  
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Grades PRE-K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 322 Students

#### Principal

Barbara T. Whitney 864-594-4477

#### Superintendent

C. Tyrone Gilmore, Sr. 864-594-4405

#### Board Chair

David W. Cecil, II 864-594-4400

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Below Average

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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